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## AMERICAN AID NEEDED BY SERBS

### Minister Vesutch Says That Help Must Come From Across the Sea for Suffering People of His Country

Paris, Nov. 15.—That Serbia is being crushed wondrously under the iron heel of German militarism, as was Belgium, was the claim today of Serbian Minister Vesutch, in an exclusive interview with the United Press. "We have proof," he said, "that our enemies wish to stamp us out. Massacres of inoffensive country folk who were non-combatants was actually commanded by the Germans. Troops were ordered to kill prisoners and to finish the wounded. The orders were executed mercilessly. Helpless women and children and decrepit old men were slaughtered."

The minister wiped his eyes, moist with tears. "Still despite the invaders, I believe the presence of neutral humanitarian Americans will have a restraining effect. American aid badly needed."

"If hundreds of thousands of lives are not to be sacrificed, America must come at once to Serbia's aid," the minister declared. "At least 500,000 homeless, hungry fugitives are fleeing to Montenegro, Albania and Greece. They are too poor to care for these refugees. Soon it will be as cold as a New England mid-winter. Typhus is sure to break out along with other diseases. Many of the refugees are from the districts recently swept by typhus."

"The American relief commission has generously promised help, but I wish the world to know our need. The babies' suffering is the hardest to bear. The prospect grows worse as Christmas approaches. Clothes, blankets, medicines, flour, meats and children's foods will save thousands if sent quickly."

Headquarters of the commission confirmed the minister's statement that aid has been promised. That body intends to appeal to Washington. Contributions will be accepted at New York headquarters.

## NOTED NEGRO LEADER DIED AT TUSKOGEE, ALABAMA, SUNDAY

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Tuskegee, Ala., Nov. 15.—Public announcement of the details of the funeral services of Dr. Booker T. Washington, negro leader and educator, who died here yesterday, probably will be made late today.

Messages of condolence to Washington's widow today showed the depth to which the negroes of the south have been stirred by his death. Although Washington had been ill for some time, it was only last week that his condition became serious and his demise came as a surprise.

Dr. Washington organized and conducted the Tuskegee industrial school for negroes since 1881. He was born in slavery at Hale's Ford, Va., in 1857 or 1858.

## MASSACHUSETTS' NEW GOVERNOR IN OREGON

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Portland, Nov. 15.—Samuel W. McCall, governor-elect of Massachusetts, passed through here today en route to the ranch of his son, Henry, in central Oregon, for a vacation.

## GUARANTEE FROM GREECE WILL BE BRITISH DEMAND

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Athens, Nov. 15.—The newspaper Hestia said today that the British minister is about to present a demand that Greece guarantee not to oppose the allies in their Balkan campaign in any circumstances. The allies want assurance that they will not be attacked nor interned in event reverses compel them to retreat through Greece.

Pressure on Greece admittedly is growing very strong on all sides. The allies want assurances that they can continue their landings unmolested, and the king is reported to have agreed that this may continue as at present.

Meantime, however, representatives of the central powers are bringing pressure to bear to thwart the allied plans in view of the menace that these landings hold for the Teutonic campaign in Serbia.

## EASTERN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IS STILL UP IN THE AIR

(By United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Nov. 15.—The muddled-up situation in the race for the eastern football championship is hardly cleared up by Saturday's results, though Cornell was generally favored today by the critics for the title, despite her close call against Washington and Lee Saturday.

Cornell's narrow escape during the early minutes of the Washington and Lee game forced the Ithacans to unhook a brand of football they had not displayed previously this season. Cornell showed it has an almost perfect attack and defense.

Yale's victory over the best team Princeton has turned out in years was the biggest surprise of the season. With a team practically new two weeks ago, Eli literally swept the Tigers off their feet. Although Princeton did not show the strength which has characterized its play this season, the fact can not be denied that Yale made a wonderful improvement.

Interest is paramount in the Yale-Harvard game, although both teams are out of the championship race. Football critics do not anticipate an exceptionally good game between Cornell and Pittsburg, while the Yale-Harvard should be a "hummer," as a result of the rejuvenation of the blue.

## 8500 MORE SERB PRISONERS TAKEN BY TEUTON ARMY

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, via Sayville, Nov. 15.—The Austrians have cleared the west bank of the river Stry, according to official announcement today. This is regarded as one of the most important victories in Galicia recently.

At the same time the war office announced capture of 8,500 more Serbians in northern Serbia, along with 12 cannon. The Teutons there, said the announcement, are tenaciously pushing their invasion.

Russian attacks near Smorgen were repulsed by Field Marshal von Hindenburg, while on the west front the Germans took 300 yards of allied trenches northeast of Eourie.

As the result of retrieving Massachusetts for the republicans, McCall is being mentioned as a presidential possibility. Charles Baxter, McCall's campaign manager, is accompanying him.

## ITALY TELLS ARMISTICE IS ASKED BY BULGARS OF ANCONA SINKING

### Official Statement Bearing Up on Destruction of the Big Liner Is Filed With the State Department

Washington, Nov. 15.—Italy's official statement, substantially as outlined by the newspapers, regarding sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, was presented by the Italian ambassador to Secretary Lansing today.

The state department announced that the American consul at Algiers had gone to Bizerta to get important information.

London, Nov. 15.—Doubt still shrouded today events surrounding the Austrian torpedoing of the Italian liner Ancona, though both Austria and Italy had presented their versions of the affair. Austria maintained warning was given the liner and sufficient time to debark her passengers. She denied that she had shelled departing lifeboats.

Italy, on the other hand, claimed the submarine fired at the Ancona without warning and continued this course even to the extent of killing or wounding passengers who sought refuge in the lifeboats. The submarine crew jeered at the panic stricken refugees, according to the Italians.

At the same time the Rome emigrant office gave figures to clear up the conflicting stories as to casualties, saying nine out of ten Americans aboard perished, and that only 209 persons of a total of 507 aboard were saved.

Austria positively asserts that not a shot was fired until after the warning to stop had been ignored and a desperate attempt was being made to escape, and that after the Ancona had been overhauled 45 minutes were given to allow the crew and passengers to debark.

Only when the submarine sighted another vessel coming up did she hurl the final torpedo.

Many lifeboats, said the Austrian statement, remained unoccupied.

### Allies Maintain That They Are Making Gains in Southern Serbia, Enemy Asking Time to Bury Their Dead

Athens, Nov. 15.—Foot by foot only the allies are gaining in their struggle in southern Serbia.

Besides the principal battle along the line through Veles to Tetovo, hot combats are raging at many places to the southwest. The French are driving heavily against Veles, the fall of which is hourly expected. So many Bulgars have been killed that the Bulgarian commanders have asked an armistice to bury the dead.

The French artillery has inflicted heavy losses on the enemy at several points.

In capturing Tetovo the Serbs took 500 prisoners and some munitions. Later reports declared the Bulgars, however, again invented the town.

Along the western Morava Bulgars and Serbs are fighting grimly. In the mountains the Serbs are falling back gradually, but not without inflicting losses upon the Teuton pursuers.

While crew members crowded into those that went overboard, passengers were in panic on the decks. The crew was blamed for loss of life.

Officials here saw in the incident somewhat of a parallel to the torpedoing of the liner Falaba. In that case Germany pleaded that her commander sank the vessel because he believed she was wireless for aid, though he had given time for most of her passengers and crew to go overboard in the boats.

Vienna denied emphatically that the shelling of the Ancona persisted and that the shots were first directed at the wireless station, but later at the lifeboats.

"Mendacious inventions," was Austria's reply to reports that her submarine had acted in violation of the laws of war or humanity.

## ADMINISTRATION SEEKS TRUTH OF ANCONA AFFAIR

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Nov. 15.—The administration faced today, apparently, the problem of getting new evidence of its own concerning the torpedoing of the Italian liner Ancona with loss of American lives. Austrian and Italian versions of the affair conflicted. Austria claimed it followed international law in its procedure; Italy did not hold this view.

The administration, however, is resigned to delay in determining the exact facts, believing that Ambassador Page at Rome and Ambassador Penfield at Vienna will get at the true state of affairs in time.

The interpretation of what is sufficient time for passengers to leave a ship about to be torpedoed furnished a new and knotty problem. Hitherto this question had not appeared. Austria maintained that 45 minutes was sufficient time for passengers to disembark. Moreover, there was more time after the vessel had been torpedoed before she sank.

## LADY PAGET WAS HEROINE AT THE CAPTURE OF USKUB

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Monastir, Nov. 14 (Delayed).—The calm courage of Lady Ralph Paget in the face of certain capture of Uskub, where she was later held a war prisoner, was told here today by Edward Stuart, head of the American sanitary commission, who left Nish two days before it fell. Deaf to her husband's pleas, Lady Paget, in charge of a hospital at Uskub, refused to quit.

"Sir Ralph Paget," said Stuart, "was at Nish when he learned that Uskub was about to fall. He stocked his automobile with provisions and dashed over the rough roads to Uskub to save Lady Paget in charge of the hospital there. He arrived three hours before the Bulgarians entered. The last of the Serb soldiers and civilians were then fleeing. He found Lady Paget directing the care of the wounded, and urged her to fly without delay. She refused. Tearfully, her husband begged her to give up her task and come with him. To this she only replied: 'I can not leave them now when they most need us.'"

"So Sir Ralph kissed her good-bye and returned to Nish."

Eleven American doctors remained with Lady Paget to aid her in the hospital.

## KITCHIN EXPECTS THE PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM TO WIN

Washington, Nov. 15.—Though he has flatly announced he will oppose the administration naval program, Majority Leader Kitchin believes that the increased preparedness measures will go through congress sailing. Writing to a constituent today, Kitchin said:

"Fear that the president will push his program through with an overwhelming majority. Nearly all the republicans will vote for it. Although I know that four-fifths of the people are opposed to it, I know the great number of democratic congressmen will bury their convictions and support it. I know this will shock the civilized world. Whatever the outcome of the present war, it will alarm the world into becoming an armed camp."

## DARDANELLE OPERATIONS "GAMBLE"

### Winston Churchill, Recently Resigned as First Lord of the Admiralty, Tells the Commons of the Campaign

London, Nov. 15.—Baring the inner secrets of his erstwhile office of first lord of the admiralty, Winston Churchill informed the house of commons today that the Dardanelles expedition was a "gamble." Yet, it was a gamble taken after mature reflection, he indicated.

"I regarded the Dardanelles enterprise," he explained, "as a legitimate gamble of war for a prize of inestimable value, with a reasonable chance of winning. On that basis, I went before the ministry and accepted full responsibility for initiating it."

Denying that the fleet was sent to the Dardanelles over Admiral Lord Fisher's objections, Churchill said that the sea lord assented to every movement.

"However, Fisher did not give clear guidance and the firm support I might have expected," said Churchill, confirming stories of friction between them. "If he did not approve, he should have spoken out."

The man who has now resigned his cabinet post to fight the enemy from the western trenches, defended the Antwerp expedition, recently criticized as a "folly," to the extent of saying it forced the Germans later to battle on the Yser instead of farther south in France. He disclaimed, however, any part in sending the expedition which failed.

"We have no reason to be discouraged," he said, amidst applause. "We are passing through bad times, though probably they will be worse before they are better."

"But they will be better," he added confidently.

Premier Asquith praised Churchill as a "wise counselor, brilliant colleague and faithful friend."

Churchill indicated the war may be long continued.

"Germany may be defeated more fatally in the second and third year than if the allies entered Berlin the first year," he said. "The 1915 campaign was governed by a shortage of munitions. The next campaign ought to be settled against Germany by her shortage of men."

## PORTLAND OFFICER CACHED PLUNDER VALUED AT \$4000

Portland, Nov. 15.—The finding of 200 articles of jewelry, valued at approximately \$2,000, in a safe in the home of H. F. Courtney, the special officer arrested Saturday charged with robbing stores on his beat, today convinced the authorities that he had operated on a wholesale scale. The opening of a locker in the Central building, used by Courtney, also revealed three suit cases and five boxes, containing principally embroidered silk, which will bring the total of goods alleged to have been stolen by him to perhaps \$4,000. Nearly 200 keys, scores of blank keys and imprint of keys on cards and a collection of delicate files were found among the officer's effects.

Although most of the alleged loot is valuable, a large quantity is worthless. This has led the police to believe that Courtney is a kleptomaniac. No effort has been made to dispose of any of the goods taken.

"JOHN DOE NO. 104," GOULD HEIR.



Five-year-old waif picked up on cathedral steps in New York and adopted by Finley J. Shepard and his wife, formerly Helen Gould.